

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

64

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

07/16/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

07/16/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 U.S.C. 7315

### 13. Effective Date

08/20/1980

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 3 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 3

#### Purpose

GGAC Fall Face to Face Meeting

GGAC Spring Meeting

GGAC Fall Meeting

#### Start

10/23/2017

05/16/2018

09/27/2018

#### End

- 10/24/2017

- 05/17/2018

- 09/28/2018

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$14,700.00	\$13,400.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$81,000.00	\$82,539.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$33,517.79	\$44,519.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$16,610.91	\$14,106.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18d. Total</b>	\$145,828.70	\$154,564.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.54	0.54

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

GGAC held three face to face meetings during FY 18. A face to face meeting was held in October, April and September. GGAC met with VA leaders and representatives from program offices across VHA. Topics included the Veteran Allocation Resource Model, the Choose Home and VA Whole Health Initiatives, CLC Compare, VHA Workforce Services, and Community Care. Six new recommendations were developed to advise the SECVA on matters related to geriatrics and gerontology. The committee also conducted 4 site visits to Ann Arbor, the Bronx, Palo Alto, and Tennessee to review GRECCs and GEC programs. GGAC's FY 18 committee activity accomplished its purpose in FY 18 as related to VA's Strategic Goals: 1, 2, 3, and 4 (listed below). During discussions on CLC Compare, GGAC formulated a recommendation favoring increased transparency and accountability. Based off of discussions with representatives on the Choose Home and Whole Health Initiatives, and the Office of Community Care, GGAC was supportive and recommended that VHA leadership integrate these principles during their efforts in modernizing and horizontally re-structuring VHA. The Choose Home and Whole Health Initiatives also embody the principles of long term care and they believe these programs support a Veteran's wellbeing and independence throughout life. VA Strategic Goals below: • Goal 1: Veterans choose VA for easy access, greater choices, and clear information to make informed decisions, page 11 • Goal 2: Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey, page 15 • Goal 3: Veterans trust VA to be consistently accountable and transparent, page 23 • Goal 4: VA will modernize systems and focus resources more efficiently to be competitive and to provide World Class capabilities to Veterans and its employees, page 27

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee is composed of non-federal members represented by leading medical and allied health experts in the fields of geriatric medicine, psychiatry, psychology, dentistry, nursing, social work, pharmacy and education from the non-Federal public and private sectors. Representatives of stakeholder groups (e.g., Veterans services organizations) have membership on the Committee as well. Efforts are made to ensure the membership has suitable diversity through balanced representation by gender, ethnicity, discipline and academic/non-academic status. Occupants of key positions in government agencies that are concerned with aging and health resources serve as ex-officio members.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee meets twice a year and has substantive discussions with VA officials concerning development of VA physician and other health professional geriatric leadership, geriatric/gerontological research and geriatric fellowships; reviews proposed legislation and existing and proposed VA- and non-VA programs impacting VA's geriatric and long term care services; and reviews GRECC performance measures.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Committee represents a unique blend of non-VA academic, clinical, health policy, and research expertise combined with legislatively astute stakeholder/customer perspectives that would not be available through any other means. External review of VA geriatric programs by non-VA experts provides objectivity and broadens VA perspectives.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

**Designated Federal Officer**

Alejandra Paulovich Designated Federal Officer

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Beizer, Judith	09/01/2015	08/31/2019	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bernard, Marie	02/03/2009	08/31/2020	Deputy Director, National Institute on Aging, NIH	Ex Officio Member
Cohen, Harvey	09/01/2016	08/31/2020	Walter Kempner Professor of Medicine Duke University School of	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gerhard, Lori	09/01/2016	08/31/2020	Director Office of Consumer Access & Self-Determination	Ex Officio Member
Gifford, David	09/01/2016	08/31/2020	Senior Vice President American Health Care Association (AHCA) Quality and Regulatory Affairs	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hansen, Jennie	11/26/2012	08/31/2020	CEO, American Geriatrics Society; Former ARRP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Leff, Bruce	09/01/2015	08/31/2019	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Love, Shurhonda	09/01/2016	08/31/2020	Assistant National Legislative Director Disabled American Veterans National Service and Legislative Headquarters	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Marsh, W.	11/26/2012	09/30/2020	Commissioner/Director, Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
OBrien-Suric, Nora	05/19/2014	09/30/2020	Senior Program Officer, The John A. Hartford Foundation, New York, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ouslander, Joseph	09/01/2017	08/31/2021	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Barbara	09/01/2015	08/31/2019	Fmr., Manager for Geriatrics and Special Needs	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Welsh-Bohmer, Kathleen	08/31/2012	09/01/2020	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 13**

### **Narrative Description**

The Committee supports the agency's mission by monitoring (through Performance Measures and site visits) the activity of the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (GRECCs); by regularly reviewing the GRECCs on-site to ensure the quality of their activities and/or develop recommendations intended to restore quality; and by keeping the Under Secretary for Health and the Secretary informed of new developments in geriatrics and gerontology of which the Veterans Health Administration should be aware.

### **What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### **Outcome Comments**

As a result of its oversight of GRECCs, the Committee plays a key role in fostering advances in scientific research [GRECCs have published thousands of articles in the scientific literature] and in improved delivery of service [one of the three missions of GRECCs is to develop and disseminate clinical innovations in care of the elderly].

### **What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Over \$10,000,000  
Cost Savings Other

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### **Cost Savings Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

57

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

This is a total of recommendations for FY 2003 through FY 2018.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

56%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

30%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Committee usually meets twice annually and is always addressed by the Under Secretary for Health or his representative. Feedback is always a key component of the presentation.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

Not Applicable

### **Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

NA

### **How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Access Comments**

N/A